

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
ANNUAL PLAN
SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
PUBLIC HOUSING ADMISSIONS AND CONTINUED OCCUPANCY POLICY
AMENDMENTS

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| STAFF: | Section 8, Public Housing, and Moderate Rehabilitation Intake Personnel |
| ACTION: | Waiting List Preference Changes |
| IMPLEMENTATION: | September 7, 2005 |
| EXPIRATION DATE: | March 31, 2006 |

Background

The Federal Code of Regulations (CFR) under 24 CFR 903.7 (r) state that a public housing agency's (PHA) Annual Plan must identify basic criteria for identifying a substantial deviation for the PHA's five year plan, and a significant amendment or modification from the PHA's five year plan and annual plan. In section 24 CFR 903.21, the regulations state that a PHA may amend or modify any PHA policy, rule, regulation or other aspect of the plan. However, if the amendment or modification is a significant amendment or modification, the PHA may not adopt the amendment or modification until the PHA has a duly called meeting of its board of directors (or similar governing body) and the meeting, at which the amendment or modification is adopted, is open to the public. In addition, such amendment or modification must be submitted to and approved by HUD.

The fiscal 2005/2006 Housing Authority of the County of San Diego (HACSD) Annual plan, page 32, defines "significant amendment or modification" to the Annual Plan as "any change that will substantially negatively impact a majority of Section 8 or Public Housing participants or waiting list applicants, unless that change is necessary because of funding constraints."

It has been determined, in consultation with counsel, that the following changes to the HACSD Annual Plan, Section 8 Administrative Plan, and Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy do not meet the definition of a "significant amendment or modification" and, therefore, are not subject to the requirements of 24 CFR 982.21.

Changes to Public Housing, Moderate Rehabilitation, and Section 8 Waiting List Preferences

Effective September 7, 2005 and expiring on March 31, 2006, the HACSD has established a superior preference in its Annual Plan, Section 8 Administrative Plan and Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy. This superior preference is for a limited number of families who relocated to San Diego County after being displaced from their public housing or HUD-funded low-rent housing by Hurricane Katrina. The superior preference will be given to the following number of eligible families who are pulled from the HACSD's waiting lists:

Up to 300 families on the Section 8 Waiting List

Up to Six families on the Public Housing Waiting List

Up to Six families on the Moderate Rehabilitation Waiting List

These families will be selected from the HACSD's waiting list ahead of all other preference groups. This superior preference will be rescinded upon the expiration date or once the above numbers of eligible families have been assisted – whichever occurs sooner.